

struggling with bullying—violence—trauma—we owe them greater access to mental health care at school.

We must finally hold social media companies accountable for the experiment they are running on our children for profit.

And it's time to pass bipartisan legislation to stop Big Tech from collecting personal data on kids and teenagers online—ban targeted advertising to children—and impose stricter limits on the personal data these companies collect on all of us.

Third—let's do more to keep our Nation's one truly sacred obligation—to equip those we send into harm's way and care for them and their families when they come home.

Job training and job placement for veterans and their spouses as they return to civilian life. Helping veterans afford their rent—because no one should be homeless in this country—especially not those who served it.

And we cannot go on losing 17 veterans a day to the silent scourge of suicide. The VA is doing everything it can—including expanding mental health screenings—and a proven program that recruits veterans to help other veterans understand what they're going through and get the help they need.

And fourth—last year Jill and I re-ignited the Cancer Moonshot that President Obama asked me to lead in our administration.

Our goal is to cut the cancer death rate by at least 50 percent over the next 25 years. Turn more cancers from death sentences into treatable diseases. And provide more support for patients and families.

It's personal for so many of us.

Joining us are Maurice and Kandice. An Irishman—and a daughter of immigrants from Panama. They met and fell in love in New York City—and got married in the same chapel as Jill and I did. Kindred spirits. He wrote us a letter about their little daughter Ava. She was just a year old when she was diagnosed with a rare kidney cancer. 26 blood transfusions. 11 rounds of radiation. 8 rounds of chemo. 1 kidney removed. A 5 percent survival rate.

He wrote how in the darkest moments he thought—"if she goes, I can't stay." Jill and I understand—like so many of you. They read how Jill described our family's cancer journey—and how we tried to steal moments of joy where you can.

For them—that glimmer of joy was a half-smile from their baby girl. It meant everything. They never gave up hope. Ava never gave up hope. She turns 4 next month.

They just found out that Ava beat the odds—and is on her way to being cancer-free—and she's watching from the White House tonight.

For the lives we can save—and for the lives we have lost—let this be a truly American moment that rallies the country and the world together and proves that we can do big things.

Twenty years ago—under the leadership of President Bush and countless advocates and champions—we undertook a bipartisan effort through PEPFAR to transform the global fight against HIV/AIDS. It's been a huge success. I believe we can do the same with cancer. Let's end cancer as we know it—and cure some cancers once and for all.

There's one reason why we're able to do all of these things—our democracy itself. It's the most fundamental thing of all. With democracy—everything is possible. Without it—nothing is.

For the last few years—our democracy has been threatened—attacked—and put at risk. Put to the test here—in this very room—on January 6th.

And then—just a few months ago—unhinged by the Big Lie—an assailant unleashed political violence in the home of the then-Speaker of this House of Representatives. Using the very same language that insurrectionists who stalked these halls chanted on January 6th.

Here tonight—in this chamber—is the man who bears the scars of that brutal attack—but is as tough and strong and as resilient as they get. My friend—Paul Pelosi.

But such a heinous act never should have happened. We must all speak out—there is no place for political violence in America.

In America—we must protect the right to vote—not suppress that fundamental right. We honor the results of our elections—not subvert the will of the people. We must uphold the rule of the law and restore trust in our institutions of democracy.

And—we must give hate and extremism in any form no safe harbor. Democracy must not be a partisan issue. It must be an American issue.

Every generation of Americans has faced a moment where they have been called on to protect our democracy—to defend it—to stand up for it. And—this is our moment.

My fellow Americans—we meet tonight at an inflection point. One of those moments that only a few generations ever face—where the decisions we make now will decide the course of this Nation—and of the world—for decades to come.

We are not bystanders to history. We are not powerless before the forces that confront us. It is within our power—of We the People.

We are facing the test of our time—and the time for choosing is at hand. We must be the Nation we have always been at our best. Optimistic. Hopeful. Forward-looking.

A Nation that embraces light over darkness—hope over fear—unity over division. Stability over chaos.

We must see each other not as enemies but as fellow Americans. We are a good people—the only Nation in the world built on an idea.

That all of us—every one of us—is created equal in the image of God. A Nation that stands as a beacon to the

world. A Nation in a new age of possibilities.

So I have come here to fulfil my constitutional duty to report on the State of the Union.

And here is my report. Because the soul of this Nation is strong—because the backbone of this Nation is strong—because the people of this Nation are strong—The State of the Union is strong!

As I stand here tonight—I have never been more optimistic about the future of America. We just have to remember who we are. We are the United States of America—and there is nothing—nothing—beyond our capacity—if we do it together!

May God bless you all.

May God protect our troops.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 7, 2023.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 302. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure, and for other purposes.

H.R. 423. An act to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 548. An act to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution denouncing the horrors of socialism.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 302. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 548. An act to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution denouncing the horrors of socialism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 259. A bill to ensure transparent and competitive transportation fuel markets in

order to protect consumers from unwarranted price increases.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 299. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-371. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (Docket No. RM23-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-372. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems" ((RIN1902-AF88) (Docket No. RM22-3-000)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-373. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces" (RIN1905-AE59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-374. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Refund of Alcohol Excise Tax" (RIN1515-AE39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-375. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service of Process and Updated Addresses for Certain Communications with the Agency" (RIN0960-AI78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-376. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Excise Tax on Repurchases of Corporate Stock under Section 4501 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-377. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Depart-

ment of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception for Interests Held by Foreign Pension Funds" (RIN1545-BN89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-378. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2023-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-379. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement Providing Transitional Guidance Under Sections 6045 and 6045A for Brokers of Digital Assets" (Announcement 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-380. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Timeline Regarding Implementation of Amended Section 6050W(e) Notice" (Notice 2023-10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-381. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TCJA Section 174 Changes in Method of Accounting" (Notice 2023-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-382. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Modifying and Superseding Rev Proc 2023-8 relating to Changes of Accounting for Specified Rese" (Notice 2023-11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-383. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax under Sections 55, 56A, and 59 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-384. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Manufacturers May Need Additional Guidance To Ensure Consistent Calculations of Average Sales Prices"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-386. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take specified actions to encourage the production of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 259

Whereas, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in Ohio alone; and

Whereas, Russian petroleum imports into the United States are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and

Whereas, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil to American families and businesses; and

Whereas, The United States has large reserves of oil, natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this abundance has provided security that has historically led to reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

Whereas, The world is looking to the United States for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the world; and

Whereas, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit production of these vital resources; and

Whereas, The United States has the ability and capacity to once again be a net exporter or energy resources, supplying our allies in Europe with energy; and

Whereas, The United States has established barriers and disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and

Whereas, Operation and expansion of a key component of the United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal government; and

Whereas, The Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

Whereas, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shill production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; Now, therefore be it